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FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

Date: May 11, 2006

To: Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/560,267
Int. Patent Application No. PCT/US04/18488
Inventor(s): Sorensen et al.
"Tubular Cutter Device and Methods for Cutting and Removing Strips of
Tissue from the Body of a Patient"

From: Robert D. Buyan

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- Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pgs.)
- Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pgs.)
- Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney (2 pgs.)
- Statement of Ownership (37 CFR 3.73(b)) and Power of Attorney by
Assignee (1 pg.)
- Copy of recorded Assignment (5 pgs.)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sorensen et al.)
U.S. App. No.: 10/560,267)
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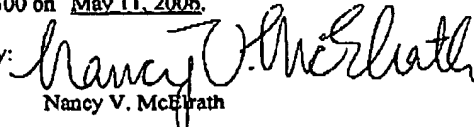
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Nancy V. McElrath**Response to Notification of Missing Requirements
Transmittal Letter**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed March 15, 2006:

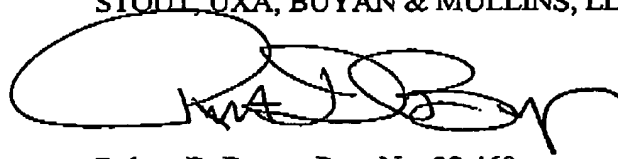
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- ☒ Applicant hereby claims small entity status.

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge in the total amount of \$65 and any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 § CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No.50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,

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371 FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/09/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/09/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/09/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/09/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

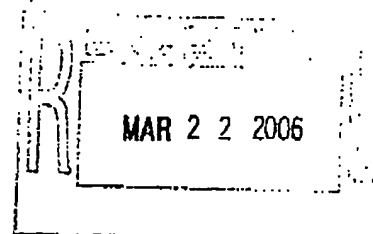
The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.



ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION,

WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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